

HOUSE BILL 2252

By Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 7, relative to evidence of identification to
vote.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-112, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() If a voter is unable to present evidence of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter, prior to the voter casting a provisional ballot pursuant to subsection (e) the precinct registrar shall make an on-line search of the records maintained at the coordinator of election's office used, pursuant to § 2-2-141, to compare the statewide voter registration database with the department of safety database. The coordinator of election shall develop a program which will permit each precinct registrar to search, through the coordinator's office, the photographic images stored in the department of safety database and to retrieve instantaneously a copy of such image for comparison purposes as evidence of identification. If this method is utilized and an image of the voter is retrieved, the precinct register shall make an appropriate notation on the voter's records that evidence of identification was obtained electronically and the voter shall be permitted to vote. If an image of the voter cannot be retrieved, the voter shall be entitled to vote a provisional ballot pursuant to subsection (e) unless the voter is eligible to vote pursuant to subsection (f).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.